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In re application of:

BLOOM *et al.*

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For: **Method for Increasing Viability
and Transformation Efficiency of
Bacteria During Storage at Low
Temperatures**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **June 3, 2003**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 33), Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.